



SAINT MARY'S AT ASBURY RIDGE
SAINT MARY'S EAST

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #37

Good Afternoon,

At **Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge**, we continue to respond to an increase in positive COVID-19 cases. As our Asbury Ridge families know, on Monday, eighteen (18) residents and six (6) employees tested positive. Yesterday, one (1) new employee tested positive. This brings the case total to thirty-five (35) positive individuals at Asbury Ridge, of which twenty-five (25) are residents and ten (10) are employees. We have converted the entire 80-bed Skilled Nursing Facility into a red zone, meaning that all residents in this area are being treated as if they are positive. Only authorized employees are permitted to enter this area and must wear full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when they are working in this zone. To de-escalate the zone from red to green, we must meet certain criteria from the Department of Health.

At **Saint Mary's East**, we learned of one (1) new employee and one (1) new resident who tested positive this week. Saint Mary's East currently has five (5) cases of COVID-19, of which three (3) are residents and two (2) are employees.

We are still planning to host the gift and package drop off in early December. Gifts and packages can be dropped off between 3 and 5 p.m. from December 7 to December 11 at the designated locations for each campus. Please review the [Holiday Season](#) section of our website for details about this event.

Be aware there is an updated travel advisory for Pennsylvania. If you leave the state, you must quarantine for 14 days upon return unless you have documentation of a negative COVID-19 test that was obtained 72 hours prior to you entering the state. We at Saint Mary's add our voices to those urging everyone to follow the guidance from our public health officials and limit travel plans while avoiding gatherings.

Residents at each campus will still be able to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal served to them in their rooms. We are grateful for all of our employees who are working over this holiday and who are making every effort to still make this day special for those who live here. We know being separated from family is difficult, for everyone. And we are all feeling similar emotions of frustration and sadness, but we must remember that we are going through this together now so that we can be together again in the future.

Thank you for your support and understanding. May you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!